



Proclamation

by
Mayor Martin O'Malley
Designating September 5, 2003
as
"Medals Day 2003" in Baltimore

WHEREAS,

the City of Baltimore proudly joins the Baltimore City Fire Department in honoring the outstanding service of department personnel during the "Medals Day Ceremony"; and

WHEREAS,

"Medals Day 2003" provides an opportunity for the Fire Department and city government to honor publicly the many fire fighting and paramedic professionals who have performed heroic acts and provided outstanding service to the community; and

WHEREAS,

firefighters and paramedics regularly risk their own safety in their efforts to save victims from fires and other hazardous or emergency situations; and

WHEREAS,

firefighters, paramedics and other fire department personnel work tirelessly to educate the public about fire safety and prevention and to reduce the potential for loss of life and property due to fire; and

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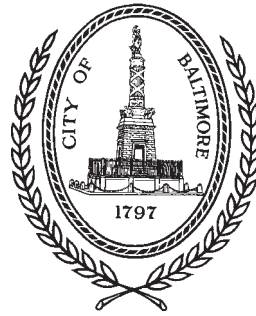
we salute our fire fighting and paramedic professionals for their dedication to duty, and express our deep appreciation for the sacrifices they make in order to serve and protect the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, do hereby proclaim September 5, 2003, as "MEDALS DAY 2003" IN BALTIMORE, and do urge all citizens to join in this celebration.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set the Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this fifth day of September, two thousand three.



Martin O'Malley
Mayor



MARTIN O'MALLEY
Mayor
250 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 212102



September 5, 2003

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARTIN O'MALLEY

Dear Friends:

It is an honor and a pleasure to extend my sincerest best wishes to this year's Medals Day honorees. Baltimore's firefighters and paramedics play a pivotal role in the safety of our communities, and have earned our utmost respect for the high level of professionalism they bring to their duties.

The acts of bravery and dedication being honored today, illustrate not only the heroic commitment of the men and women in the Fire Department, but also portray the dangers facing Baltimore's firefighters everyday.

The citizens of Baltimore owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to today's honorees for the sacrifices they make to perform one of the toughest jobs on earth and to all of our firefighters who continuously risk their lives to serve and protect the community.

Sincerely,

Mayor



Medals Day 2003

Certificates of Appreciation

Fire Fighter/ Paramedic Michael Hinline, Medic 3

While off duty, rendered medical attention to a police officer who was involved in an accident.

Fire Fighter Dallas Kopp, Engine 58

While off duty, provided cardiopulmonary resuscitation to an overdose victim.

Fire Fighter/Paramedic Dale M. Wallace, Engine 40

While off duty, rendered medical assistance to a priority one patient who was struck by a car.

Pump Operator Robert Wilkins, Engine 52

While enroute to work, noticed an accident and provided assistance until arrival of Medic.

Fire Fighter/ Paramedic Tyler J. Tyson, Truck Company 26

While off duty, rendered assistance to a victim of an automobile accident.

EVD Timothy Perkins, Truck Company 21

While off duty, rendered medical assistance to victims involved in an automobile accident.

Lieutenant David Goldman, Engine 42

While off duty, provided medical assistance to five victims of an automobile accident.





EVD DiLeonardi and removed from the third floor bedroom down the aerial ladder to safety. The unselfish acts of these members were critical in saving the lives of the trapped occupants and for their actions they are being presented the Exemplary Performance Award.

Lieutenant Lawrence Dziwulski
Emergency Vehicle Driver Vincent DiLeonardi
Firefighter Charlie Campbell
Firefighter/Paramedic Grady Jacks

1710 Bentalou Street
Dwelling Fire

On January 1, 2002 at 4:38 p.m.Truck Company #10 was dispatched to 1710 N. Bentalou Street for a report of a dwelling fire. Upon its arrival Truck 10 encountered a two-story dwelling with intense heat and smoke conditions emitting from the first floor front of the dwelling. Heavy fire was showing in the rear of the home. As the members of Truck Company 10 initiated ventilation operations it was reported that there were people trapped. Firefighter Timothy Biermann rushed to the second floor of the dwelling, without the protection of a charged hoseline and swiftly located an unconscious victim. Acting Lieutenant Kevin Grzech, with the assistance of Firefighter William Jasper, removed the patient from the burning building. Once outside, Firefighter Whitt Nottingham, who was off-duty at the time, assisted fire department paramedics with resuscitation efforts, traveling with them to a local area hospital.

Exemplary Performance Award

Acting Lieutenant Kevin Grzech
Firefighter Timothy Biermann
Firefighter William Jasper
Firefighter William Hudson

Appreciation Award

Firefighter Whitt Nottingham

Distinguished Unit Citation

411 S. Beechfield Avenue
Building Fire

An apartment building fire was reported at 411 S. Beechfield Avenue on March 13, 2002 at 4:53 p.m. Once fire broke out in the 3 story apartment building, it quickly began to spread. The fire department was confronted with not only working to suppress the fire, but also with evacuating the building while conducting search and rescue operations. Several people were reported trapped throughout the building. Upon their arrival, members of Truck Company #8 immediately began rescue operations. Lieutenant Edwin Moreau, Emergency Vehicle Driver Thomas Marr, Firefighter Paramedic Martin Dashields and Firefighter Paramedic Matthew Saylor worked simultaneously to raise ground ladders on the front and rear of the building. Once inside, they were able to locate two victims, whose escape had been cut off by the fire. Both occupants were able to exit the building by ground ladders, with the assistance of Truck 8. The victims were treated on the fireground by Paramedic Thomas Skinner and Firefighter Paramedic Apprentice James Lamartina.

Truck Company #8

Lieutenant Edwin Moreau
Emergency Vehicle Driver Thomas Marr
Firefighter Paramedic Martin Dashields
Firefighter Paramedic Matthew Saylor

Medic Unit #12

Paramedic Thomas Skinner
Firefighter Paramedic Apprentice James Lamartina

CITY OF BALTIMORE

MARTIN O’MALLEY, Mayor



FIRE DEPARTMENT

WILLIAM J. GOODWIN, JR., CHIEF
414 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

September 5, 2003



Dear Friends:

It is my honor to welcome you to Medals Day 2003. This is our annual event where we honor and publicly acknowledge individual and collective acts of bravery, heroism and dedication in our service to the citizens of Baltimore City.

The men and women of this department unfailingly demonstrate devotion to their profession as is illustrated by the acts of selflessness being recognized here today.

I commend and congratulate all of you who will be recognized during this ceremony and I thank you, the members of this department for your continued commitment to making ours the **Best Fire Department in the country**, serving **The Greatest City in America!**

Sincerely,

William J. Goodwin, Jr.
Chief of Fire Department

CITY OF BALTIMORE

MARTIN O’MALLEY, Mayor



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September 5, 2003

Dear Friends:

It is with great pride and pleasure that we welcome you to Medals Day 2003.

Our congratulations are extended to each of you for being recognized for acts of bravery and heroism in the performance of your duties.

All of the men and women of the Baltimore City Fire Department are to be commended for their continued devotion to serving the citizens of Baltimore.

Best wishes, and please keep up the good work!



Sincerely,

James Crockett, President



Stuart M. Nathan, Commissioner



Victor Clark, Jr., Commissioner



**2000 N. Washington Street
5-Alarm Building Fire**

On May 12, 2002 at 5:16 a.m., the Baltimore City Fire Department responded to 2000 Washington Street for a report of a building fire. Units arriving on the scene found the building heavily involved in fire. The fire escalated to five alarms. As aggressive interior and exterior suppression efforts were being performed, it was determined that the building was in an unsafe condition. An evacuation was ordered. While firefighters worked to remove a hand line from the third floor of the building, a partial roof collapse occurred. The collapse injured the officer of Engine Company #13. Without concern for his own personal safety, Firefighter Patrick Hoban remained with his officer and removed him down an interior staircase to safety. For his actions, he is being presented the Exemplary Performance Award.

Firefighter Patrick Hoban

**2805 Huntington Avenue
Dwelling Fire**

On June 16, 2002 at 2:11 a.m., fire department units responded to 2805 Huntingdon Avenue for a report of a dwelling fire with persons trapped. Engine Company 13 was the first unit to arrive on the scene and reported heavy fire and smoke conditions. As Engine 13 began suppression operations, an onlooker informed Firefighter Donald Waugh that an occupant, who was confined to a wheelchair, was still on the second floor of the two story dwelling and believed to be trapped. Firefighter Waugh rushed past members on the first floor, who were working to suppress the fire and ascended to the second floor. He searched through intense heat and smoke to locate an elderly handicapped man. Without any assistance, Firefighter Waugh removed the victim to safety where he was transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation. Firefighter Waugh is being presented the Exemplary Performance Award.

Firefighter Donald Waugh

**Sea Girt Marine Terminal
Person Trapped**

On December 17, 2002 the fire department was called to the Sea-Girt Marine Terminal at 1:26 p.m. for a person trapped under a crane. Upon arrival, responding units found a 62 year old male trapped under the wheel of a 30 ton crane. His body was severed just below the waist, but amazingly, he was still alive. Fire department members assessed the patient and provided medical care, while awaiting the arrival of the Medevac-Chopper. The patient, suspecting that he would ultimately succumb to his injuries, relayed his dying words to Firefighter James Potteiger. He requested that Firefighter Potteiger speak to the family on his behalf. While enroute to the hospital, the patient died. In honor of the victim’s request, Firefighter Potteiger met with the family at Shock Trauma to share the last words of the victim. For his actions, he is being presented the Exemplary Performance Award.

Firefighter/Paramedic James Potteiger

**1717 West Lafayette Avenue
Dwelling Fire with Trapped Occupant**

At 4:23 a.m on February 8, 2003, members of Truck Company #10 were alerted by a citizen of a fire approximately two blocks west of quarters, with the possibility of occupants being trapped. Truck 10 was dispatched, along with several other companies, to the scene. Upon their arrival, responding members were confronted by heavy fire, which was emitting from the first floor front door and heavy smoke throughout the dwelling. There was also one occupant hanging from a third floor window of the dwelling. Without the protection of a charged hoseline, Lieutenant Lawrence Dziwulski entered the dwelling and conducted an interior search. EVD Vincent DiLeonardi, Firefighter Charlie Campbell and Firefighter Grady Jacks simultaneously began rescue operations. Interior search efforts were conducted room by room while ground and aerial ladders were raised to assist in the operation. EVD DiLeonardi, who had entered the dwelling by an aerial ladder, located an unconscious victim and moved her to the ladder where she was assisted by other members of Truck 10 to the ground. A second semiconscious victim was quickly located by



Firefighter Michael Cuffie
Pump Operator Kenneth Austin
Pump Operator John Lorenz
Pump Operator William Ortman
Pump Operator Ronald Garrett
Pump Operator Thomas Ecker
Firefighter Daniel Stallings
Firefighter Rodney Carter
Division Chief Donald Heinbuch
Lieutenant James Boyd
Lieutenant David Franz
Emergency Vehicle Driver Douglas Kroner
Firefighter Derrick Butta
Firefighter/Paramedic Richard Pflaum
Firefighter/Paramedic Robert Duckett
Emergency Vehicle Driver Patrick Campbell
Pump Operator Dennis Kundratic
Pump Operator Gregory Kemp

MOP Revisions

Manual of Procedures Revisions

The Manual of Procedures (MOP's) is a two volume book which describes, in detail, how members of the fire department are to perform job duties to an acceptable standard. It is a living document. The MOP's change to reflect changes in the department's policies and procedures. Battalion Chief Francis Clemens led a committee to revise and distribute updated MOP's throughout the department. The committee was also able to digitize the manuals, making it easier to duplicate and distribute updated copies in the future.

Distinguished Service Award

Battalion Commander Francis Clemens

Appreciation Award

Captain Ronald Brown
Captain Michael Waldner
Captain Gary Metzbower
Lieutenant William Downing
Lieutenant Frank Schlosser
Lieutenant Mark Lemmon
Paramedic Sheri Luck
Fire Administration Aide John Lafferty
Firefighter Kyle Caldwell
Paramedic Diedre Edwards
Paramedic Sarah Dausch
Paramedic Lisa Phillips
Emergency Vehicle Driver Charles Williams
Emergency Vehicle Driver Donald Hubbel
Emergency Vehicle Driver Douglas Jefferson
Firefighter John Gereny
Battalion Commander John Frazier
Captain Robert Finnicks
Captain James Smith
Captain William Hughes
Lieutenant Paul Novak
Lieutenant Thurman Pugh



Darryn Moore

After spending 12 years as a police officer in Atlanta, Georgia, Darryn gave up the gun and badge to pursue a career in television news. When asked why the change, he tells everyone he feels safer when the cameraperson shoots him rather than the criminals.

A native of Philadelphia, Darryn joined the police force in 1986. He worked a number of assignments including narcotics, financial crimes, intelligence and executive protection for Atlanta's former Mayor. Darryn left the department in 1999 landing his first television gig in Tennessee. Two years later he landed in Seattle, Washington umbrella and all. A couple of years later he fought his way back, joining ABC2 News. He's excited about living in Baltimore, but more excited about reuniting with his wife Nicole. It's the first time in they've lived together since getting married.

Darryn says Baltimore is a cool town with lots to offer. Living here affords him the opportunity to visit family in Philly and reconnect with historical sites. He credits much of his success to his wife, parents, and in-laws who have been very supportive of his career.



Meritorious Conduct Award

Battalion Chief Frank Giotis
Battalion Chief Joseph Buckholtz
Lieutenant David Lohr
Fire Administration Aide John Lafferty
Emergency Vehicle Driver Donald Coster
Emergency Vehicle Driver James McCafferty
Firefighter Anthony Smith

Exemplary Performance Award

Firefighter Richard H. Garrison
Firefighter/Paramedic William R. Taylor
Pump Operator Joseph Stewart
Firefighter/Paramedic Karl Miller
Lieutenant Glenn Kukucka
Pump Operator Thomas Vane
Firefighter/Paramedic Gary Stoltz
Battalion Chief Stephen Canter
Aide to Chief of Fire Department Roman Clark
Lieutenant Ronald Addison
Emergency Vehicle Driver Johns Parker
Firefighter/Paramedic Chantramony Hong
Firefighter/Paramedic Lamar Giles
Battalion Chief Michael Kernan
Battalion Chief Antonio Thomas
Shift Commander Michael Caplan
Shift Commander Joseph McKenzie
Battalion Chief Robert Williams
Battalion Chief Ronald Lloyd
Battalion Chief John Cole
Battalion Chief Frank Giotis
Battalion Chief Raymond Devilbiss
Battalion Chief Arnold Turner
Battalion Chief John Ruff
Battalion Chief Reginald Session
Battalion Chief Harold Mason
Battalion Chief Charles Paylor
Battalion Chief Lloyd Carter
Captain Leonard Zinck
Captain Robert Doedderlein
Fire Operations Aide William Brewer
Fire Supply Coordinator Steven Williams
Fire Apparatus Coordinator Oscar Stinnett
Asst. Fire Apparatus Coordinator Edward Kilcoyne
Lieutenant Harvey Webster
Pump Operator Charles Cieslak
Pump Operator Robert Messoria
Firefighter James Bellamy
Lieutenant Frank Schlosser
Pump Operator Emanuel Coleman
Firefighter Robert Bayne





The number of cars was known. The materials on each car had been established. The questions that needed to be answered were: How many cars are still on the rails? Which cars were involved? What is/are the products involved in the fire?

Eventually additional attempts were made to make visual or physical contact with the train. Soon answers began to come. It was determined that the chemical, Tripropylene, was the product burning. Approximate placement of the cars on the train was established. The fire department worked in conjunction with CSX Transportation to transport members into the tunnel to establish how much of the train still remained hitched and on the rails.

Shortly afterwards the cars began coming out of the tunnel, some of them still on fire. A multi-faceted approach was launched. Product was being vacuumed out of cars in the tunnel while units worked to suppress the fire and reset cars on the rails. Fire Ground Command began to see steady progress with each operation launched to clear the tunnel.

Five days later, sixty cars had been removed from the tunnel. The threat of a catastrophic event had been eliminated. Every major agency in the city worked together to combat the fire while enabling the city to function as close as possible to normal. Mutual aid was provided from four of the surrounding county fire departments. Baltimore's new 800 Megahertz Radio System performed to perfection. The Baltimore City Fire Department received national recognition for the manner in which it handled such a tremendous crisis.



PROGRAM

Presentation of Colors

Fire Department Color Guard
Office of Fire Marshal

Invocation

Reverend Walter Burgess
Fire Department Chaplain
Mr. Michael Maybin
Public Information Officer

Opening Remarks

Mr. William J. Goodwin, Jr.
Chief of Fire Department
Mr. Martin O'Malley
Mayor, City of Baltimore

Mr. James Crockett
President, Board of Fire Commissioners

Roll Call of Members

Master of Ceremonies
Mr. Darryn Moore
WMAR TV-2 News

Special Awards

Mr. William J. Goodwin, Jr.
Chief of Fire Department

Benediction

Reverend Frank Donio
Fire Department Chaplain

Medals Day 2003 Committee

Michael M. Maybin
Public Information Officer
Chair

Commissioner Stuart Nathan
Fire Marshal Theodore Saunders
Fire Chief Aide Roman Clark, OCFD
Firefighter Rick Schluderberg, Local #734
Lieutenant Gilbert Wroten, Hdqtrs
Mr. Alex Katzenberg, Box 414 Assoc.
Ms. Marie Lemmon, Box 414 Assoc.
Deputy PIO Kevin Cartwright, Hdqtrs

Division Chief Donald Heinbuch
Battalion Chief Raymond Devilbiss
Captain Stephan Fugate, Local #964
Battalion Chief Charles Brown, Hdqtrs
Lieutenant William Raab, Engine 55
Lieutenant Walt Lemmon, (Ret.) Box 414 Assoc.
Ms. Betty Jenkins, Fiscal Services
Ms. Joanne Drayton, PIO Secretary

Special thanks to Mr. Stuart Nathan and Mr. Roman Kaminski, WMAR-TV2,
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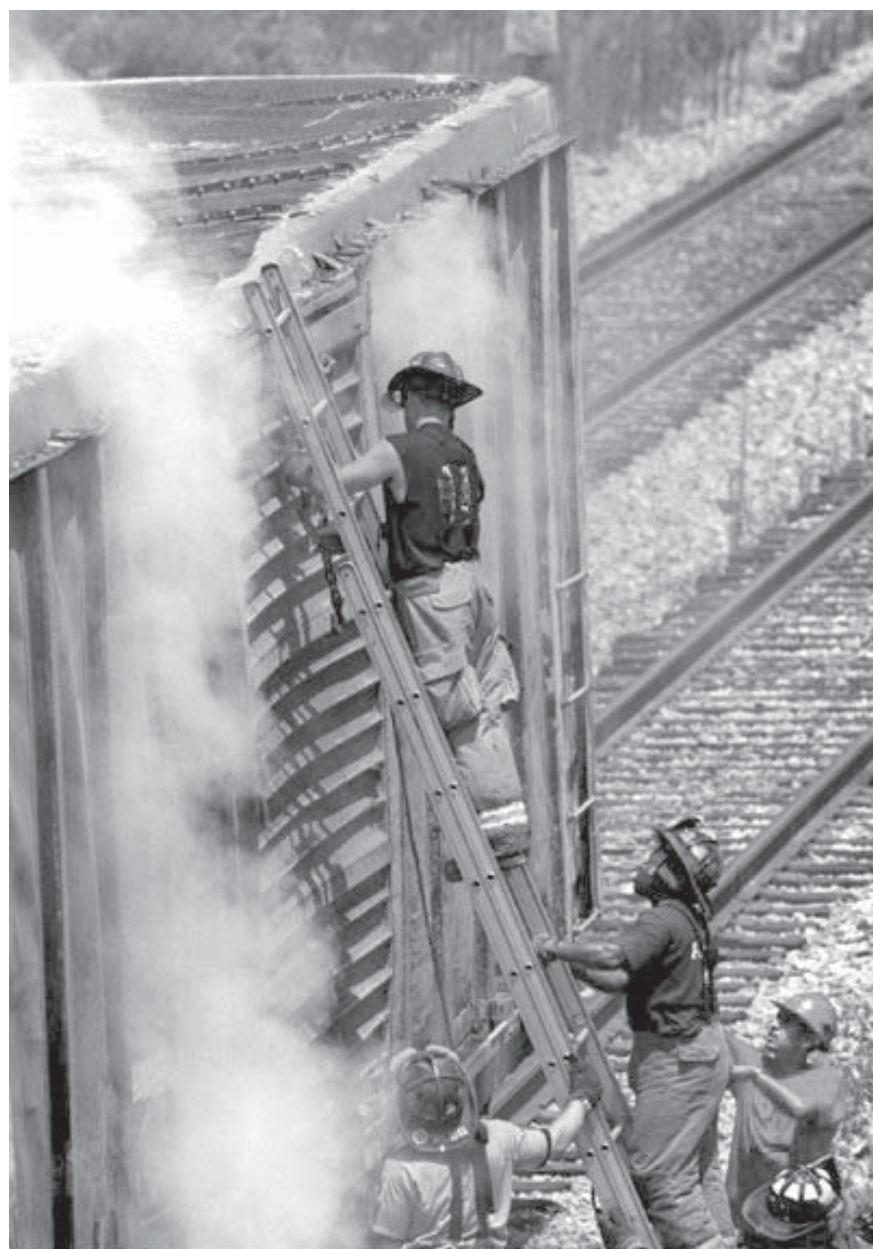


Howard Street Tunnel Fire July 18-23, 2001

July 18, 2001 was a normal day in Baltimore City. The business day was about to come to a close and workers were preparing to leave for home. Suddenly, Fire Communications began receiving calls about smoke coming out of the south end of the Howard Street Tunnel. Units were dispatched to investigate.

Upon their arrival, they found smoke emitting from the south end of the Howard Street tunnel. This was not an uncommon occurrence. Often trains travel through this tunnel, which runs beneath the center of downtown Baltimore. But things began to look a little different from responses in the past. The smoke coming out of the tunnel was sustained and conditions were getting worse.

Calls began coming in from the north end of the tunnel. It was apparent that this was more than a release from an engine. Units began making attempts to enter the tunnel, but were prevented by the intense heat and smoke. Engineers from CSX were on-hand at this point and presented fire ground command with a manifest and details of what had occurred in the tunnel. A train had derailed and at least one of the cars was involved in fire. The incident began to escalate and ultimately reached six alarms, although units and resources deployed actually reached what would be equivalent of a ten-alarm fire.



It was difficult to determine exactly what the situation was without knowing the placement of each car and its contents. The train manifest revealed that there were over sixty cars on the train, with several cars containing hazardous materials, which could create dangerous exposures to residents of our city.

There was an Orioles Baseball game, which was coming to a close, but the area needed to be evacuated. A decision was made to sound the Civil Defense Sirens. Residents in the area of the north end of the tunnel were alerted to shelter in place while the fire department worked feverishly to evacuate the area and develop a plan of attack.

Suddenly the thick dense black smoke, which had been billowing from both ends of the tunnel, began to change in color to a lighter gray shade. Almost simultaneously, Fire Communications began receiving calls of flooding along the Howard Street corridor. It was determined that there could possibly be a water main rupture, which in some way appeared to be helping to suppress the fire.

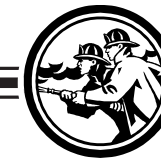
It was soon obvious that a 42 inch water main had ruptured and that somehow that rupture helped to control the blaze in the tunnel. The fire department worked in conjunction with the Department of Public Works to control the flow of water while allowing enough water to suppress the fire below.





Dennis J. Dougherty Memorial Award

A medal, certificate and cash award will be presented by the Dougherty Family at the annual Medals Day ceremony to honor the memory of Dennis J. Dougherty. Dennis faithfully served the citizens of Baltimore for 28 years, received commendations for heroism, and was an active member at the time of his death in November of 2002. The Dougherty family will select a member of the Baltimore City Fire Department who distinguishes him or herself in some special way for heroism, achievement or outstanding performance.



Herman Williams, Jr. Humanitarian Award



This award will be presented to an individual who provides unrelenting dedication and compassion for fellow Firefighters and the citizens of Baltimore. The cash award, trophy and certificate are presented by Retired Chief Herman Williams, Jr.

Previous Recipients:

- 1995 – Firefighter Lonnie Jackson (posthumously)
- 1996 – WMAR-TV 2 News
- 1997 – Lieutenant Robert Doedderlein
- 1998 – Box 414 Association
- 1999 – Firefighter Francis Linton
- 2000 – Valerie Hall-Butler
- 2001 – CISD Team
- 2002 – Firefighter Littleton Wyatt (posthumously)



The Grecco Labor Award



This annual award will be presented to an individual who best exemplified the continuing and complex efforts of the local union membership to buttress the relationship between labor and management.

Previous Recipients:

- 1995 – Mr. Ernie Grecco
- 1996 – Firefighter Peter Bogetti
- 1997 – Captain John L. Seiss
- 1998 – Ms. Darlene Meredith
- 1999 – Battalion Chief Raymond O. Devilbiss
- 2000 – Marine Engineer Joseph Beal
- 2001 – Captain Francis Uhlhorn, Truck 8
- 2002 - Firefighter Walter Ward (retired)



The Nelson Taylor Award

This award is given in memory of Lieutenant Nelson Taylor, a Firefighter who gave his life in the line of duty. Recipients of this award will exemplify the high ideals and commitment to service demonstrated by Lieutenant Taylor throughout his 26 years of service to the community. A \$500.00 award, medal and a certificate will be presented annually to a member or members of the Baltimore City Fire Department who performs their duties unselfishly beyond the call of duty and/or has worked to enhance the betterment of the African American Community of Baltimore City. This award is established and presented by the Vulcan Blazers, Inc.

Previous Recipients:

- 1997 – Mr. Barry Blackmon
- 1998 – Firefighter Earl Carter
- 1999 – Lieutenant Henry Burris and Firefighter Charles Campbell
- 2000 – Assistant Chief Carl E. McDonald
- 2001 – Firefighter Louis Anderson
- 2002 – Firefighter Charlie Williams, Firefighter James Williams-Ali



The Thomas J. Burke Courage Medal



The Emerald Society of the Baltimore City Fire Department has established the annual Thomas J. Burke Courage Medal. Thomas J. Burke was the Chief of Fire Department from 1972-1980. Chief Burke was known to the firefighters as honest and fair. This medal is in honor of Chief Burke, a true friend to all Baltimore City firefighters. Chief Burke died August 6, 1985. He is survived by his wife Betty, son Thomas, and daughters Mary, Elizabeth, Barbara.

The recipient of this medal will be a member or members of the Baltimore City Fire Department who perform a courageous act in the line of duty. The recipient will receive a medal and a \$500.00 cash award.

The Emerald Society was chartered in 1985 by members of the Fire Department of Irish heritage to support Irish culture, charitable endeavors and community activism.

Previous Recipients:

- 1997 – Lieutenant Wayne Nowowiejski
- 1998 – Captain Ronald Baker, Emergency Vehicle Driver John Neuberger, Firefighter Bernard Muller
- 1999 – Firefighter Charles Campbell
- 2000 – Emergency Vehicle Drivers Raymond Edsall, Martin Loftus and Lawrence Korycki
- 2001 – Darlene Meredith
- 2002 - Lieutenant Michael Meyers



The Father Schwind Award

This award is made in memory of the Reverend G. Stanley Schwind, who served the Baltimore City Fire Department as a Chaplain for many years. An avid fire buff, as well as a member of Box 414 Association, Father Schwind was a source of spiritual inspiration for many Fire Department members. A committee of “Friends of Father Schwind” shall award this medal to a person(s) who consistently participates in activities that address the spiritual needs of the Fire Department.

Previous Recipients:

- 1995 – Lieutenant Robert Hatoff, Jr.
- 1996 – Chaplain Robert Grumbine
- 1997 – Chaplain Lloyd Marcus
- 1998 – Battalion Chief Raymond O. Devilbiss
- 1999 – Captain Roger Echleberger
- 2000 – Chaplain James Ball
- 2001 – Father Louis Reitz
- 2002 - Reverend George Grimm



The Dr. Frank T. Barranco Award

Established by Fire Union Locals 964 and 734, this award will recognize an individual whose scholarship, leadership and performance best exemplifies those qualities and characteristics in providing Emergency Medical Services to the Citizens of Baltimore. A cash award and certificate will be awarded. The award is named in honor of Dr. Frank T. Barranco, Retired Chief Physician for the Baltimore City Fire Department.

Previous Recipients:

- 1996 – Paramedic Donald Taylor
- 1997 – Paramedic Sheri Luck
- 1998 – Paramedic Clarence Nalley
- 1999 – Lieutenant Stanley Sneed
- 2000 – Paramedic Lenore Festerman
- 2001 - Lieutenant James Seward
- 2002 – Paramedic Trudy Booker



The Katzenberg Award



This \$1,000 award and certificate will be given annually to the individuals who best exemplify the high ideal and outstanding service to the citizens of Baltimore and Baltimore City Fire Department. It is presented by the Katzenberg family, whose members have provided unmatched support for the fire service spanning three generations.

Previous Recipients

- 1995 – Messrs. James W. Wallace, Charles W. Feeley, Peter F. Risley, Donald Schafer
- 1996 – Messrs. Scott J. Folderauer and Timothy Wells
- 1998 – Captain Ronald Baker, EVD John Neuberger, Firefighter Bernard Muller
- 1999 – Lieutenant William Jones, EVD Michael L. Proescher, EVD Raymond K. Lockett
- 2000 – Shift Commander Donald Heinbuch, Battalion Chief Martin Catterton, Battalion Chief Robert Williams
- 2001 – Truck Company #5
- 2002 – Lieutenant Vincent Blake



The Gertrude A. Kaminski Memorial Award



Originally established as the Kaminski Award by its benefactors, Roman and Gertrude Kaminski, this tribute has been renamed by Mr. Kaminski in honor of his late wife. Mrs. Kaminski was a strong supporter of the Baltimore City Fire Department for many years. As a member of the Box 414 Ladies Auxiliary, she donated her time and talents to many far ranging activities.

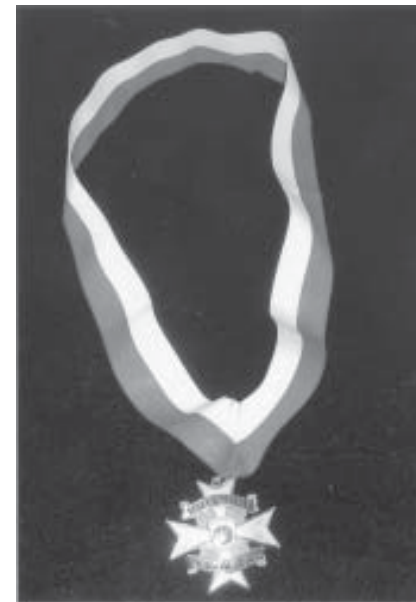
It is Roman Kaminski's desire to present this medal at the Annual Medals Day Ceremony to recognize an individual or group for actions or activities that have fostered the principles of the Baltimore City Fire Department. A selection committee will consider individual acts of heroism, as well as outstanding performance by groups or bureaus within the Fire Department. In addition to the medal, a \$500.00 cash award will be presented.

Previous Recipients:

- 1995 – Firefighter Joseph S. Wisniewski, Truck Company #10, Truck Company #13
- 1996 – Engine Company #31, Truck Company #7
- 1997 – The Special Rescue Operations Team and the Fire Prevention Bureau
- 1998 – Firefighter Ronald Hudgins, Truck Company #13, Truck Company #1
- 1999 – Engine Company #5 & Truck Company #3
- 2001 – Firefighter Littleton Wyatt, Firefighter Charles Meile
- 2002 – Firefighter Douglas Campbell



The Henry G. Nathan Memorial Award



The recipient of this cash award and certificate is a member of the Baltimore City Fire Department who has performed acts above and beyond the call of duty. The award is named in memory of Henry G. Nathan, a lifelong fire buff, supporter of the Baltimore City Fire Department and former President of Box 414 Association and the International Fire Buff Associates. The award is being presented by the Nathan family whose interest in the fire service spans three generations.

Previous Recipients:

- 1995 – Firefighter Arnold D. Dunham
- 1996 – Lieutenant Frederick C. Ruff
- 1997 – Lieutenant Gerald Hughes
- 1998 – Firefighter Michael D. Price, Firefighter Michael C. Meyers
- 1999 – Captain William P. Hughes, Lieutenant Wayne D. Nowowiejski, Lieutenant Russell C. Carter
- 2000 – Acting Lieutenant Michael Davis and Firefighter Barry Granofsky
- 2001 – Firefighter/Paramedic Adrian F. Barbour
- 2002 – Lieutenant Stephen Gibson, Lieutenant Rodney S. Williams, EVD Michael Proescher, Firefighter Steven Peavy, EVD John Ellis, Firefighter Brian Boyd

Box 414 Association Award

A cash award and certificate will be given to the individual(s) of the Baltimore City Fire Department who have performed their duties for the benefit of their fellow man at extreme personal risk during the course of the year. The award is given by the Box 414 Association, Inc. a volunteer fire buff organization, and its Ladies Auxiliary that have supported the Baltimore City Fire Department for over 50 years. Its coffee wagon serves all fire-fighters during additional alarms or other fire department related activities. The association thought it only fitting that its award reflects the organization's purpose of unselfishly serving others.

Previous Recipients:

- 1995 – Firefighter James R. Green
- 1996 – Lieutenant Raymond C. O'Brocki and Firefighter Littleton B. Wyatt
- 1997 – Firefighter Brian Vaeth
- 1998 – Firefighter Ronald Hudgins
- 1999 – Captain Charles W. Rebstock, Lieutenant William L. Stevens
- 2000 – Emergency Vehicle Drivers Martin Loftus and Lawrence Korycki
- 2001 – Lieutenant Todd Riley
- 2002 – Battalion Chief Robert E. Williams, Lt. James C. Kemp, FF James Critzman

